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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF LOCKHEED OPERATIONS IN GREECE

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT REVELATIONS IN THE PRESS ABOUT LOCKHEED PAYOFF ACTIVITIES AND THE CLAIM BY A FORMER HIGH OFFICIAL OF LOCKHEED THAT PAYMENTS OF \$500,000 HAD BEEN MADE TO GREEKS DURING THE PERIOD 1968-74 TO PROMOTE THE SALE OF AIRCRAFT, GREEK DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF ANNOUNCED TUESDAY THAT AN INVESTIGATION OF LOCKHEED ACTIVITIES IN GREECE HAS BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS HAVE QUOTED AVEROFF AS SAYING, "FOLLOWING THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION THE LOCKHEED FILE HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE SUPREME COURT PROSECUTOR FOR JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION".

2. AVEROFF FURTHER STATED THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CONTACTED IN A REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS AND THAT OVER 2000 DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN PROVIDED CONCERNING LOCKHEED OPERATION IN GREECE. (THE EMBASSY IS NOT FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE SPECIFICS OF DISCUSSIONS EARLIER THIS

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YEAR BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE GREEK MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON THIS MATTER.
IF POSSIBLE WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING BROUGHT
UP-TO-DATE IN THIS RESPECT.)

3. LOCKHEED IS PARTICIPATING IN THE U.S. PAVILION AT
THE THESSALONIKI FAIR OPENING SEPTEMBER 5. A CARTOON
REFERRING TO LOCKHEED PAYOFFS APPEARED IN AN ATHENS
NEWSPAPER AUGUST 30 WITH THE CAPTION "LOCKHEED WILL
PARTICIPATE IN THE THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL
TRADE FAIR, TOO".
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